

ND EMS Update – COVID-19 03/23/2020

- Reminder that PPE supplies can be obtained from the ND state medical cache through HAN assets: <http://hanassets.nd.gov/>
- If your squad has not been FIT tested in the past year, please do so now. Your local Public Health is a resource for this testing: <https://www.ndhealth.gov/localhd/>
- Verify that your information is up to date in Big Picture:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Cell Phone
 - Email
 - Squad leader
 - Medical Director
- Be vigilant in responder screenings at the start and stop of each shift at your stations daily.
- Be vigilant in proper sanitization of ambulances and equipment.
- Upon entering facilities be sure to abide by their regulations and requirements; i.e. masks, gowns, other PPE, hand washing and hand sanitizer.
- Always use proper PPE as each call requires.
- When responding to questionable calls, send in one responder to assess patient from a distance of 6 feet and consider safest patient care.
- At this time, per their rule, WSI is not covering the testing or medical care of COVID-19 for healthcare workers and responders. It is suggested if you have testing and/or care related to COVID-19 exposure/disease that you file a WSI claim and state why you feel your claim should be covered. Every worker has the right to file a claim to WSI for consideration.
- Pearson Vue is opening some NREMT cognitive testing sites throughout the US on a limited basis with restrictions. Please check with the center in your area.
- Limit gatherings to under 10 people and maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or more.
- If you know that you have been exposed, immediately self-quarantine and notify your manager and the ND Department of Health.

** We must be extremely careful that we do not aid in the transfer of COVID-19 virus to the at-risk populations as well as our own families.